

# MAINTENANCE WAY EMPLOYEES THREATEN STRIKE

## San Francisco Man Held On Charge Murdering His Wife

### ALLEGED THAT MAN FRAMED A FAKE HOLD UP

Henry Wilkens Arrested After  
Arthur Castor Makes State-  
ment Implicating Him

### THREE INVOLVED IN MURDER

Crime Was Committed on Night  
of May 30, Last, and Probe  
Is Just Completed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Henry Wilkens was arrested yesterday, charged with the murder of his wife. The result of a statement alleged to have been made by Arthur Castor to District Attorney Brady and Police Commissioner Kate O'Connor, it was announced by Chief Deputy District Attorney Golden, after Wilkens had been lodged in jail. Mrs. Wilkens was shot and killed on the night of May 30, supposedly by one of three highwaymen in an attempted holdup. Arthur Castor, held in jail here on the charge of passing worthless checks, is said to have been one of the highwaymen. According to Castor's purported statement he and his brother, Walter, had arranged with Wilkens to stage a fake holdup of Wilkens' auto. The Castors, it is claimed by the police, were to have robbed Wilkens of what money he had and also were to rob Mrs. Wilkens of her jewelry. Castor is said to have denied knowledge as to who fired the shot.

According to Wilkens' story to the police at the time of the shooting, he and his wife, with their two small children, were motoring along a residential street here, when another car crowded their auto over to the curb and forced them to stop. Then Wilkens claimed, three bandits held him up at the point of a pistol and robbed him of three \$100 bills. One of the bandits then reached for his wife's jewelry, Wilkens said, whereupon he attempted to draw a revolver from the pocket in the auto door. The bandit swung his gun over Wilkens, and Mrs. Wilkens threw herself in front of her husband just in time to receive a bullet in the heart, Wilkens asserted. Walter Castor is believed to be somewhere near Eureka, Calif.

### COMMITTEE REJECTS

### MR. FORD'S OFFER

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Henry Ford's offer to purchase or lease the Muscle Shoals properties from the government was rejected by the senate agricultural committee today by a vote of 9 to 7.

### FUNERAL MISS GEYER

### IS CONDUCTED TODAY

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the undertaking parlors over the remains of the late Evelyn Osborne Geyer, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geyer, who died at the family home Thursday morning. While the services were private, only the immediate relatives of the deceased being present, there was a veritable avalanche of floral offerings, showing the esteem and affection in which the departed had been held.

It was originally intended to have the services at 10 o'clock this morning, but owing to the train being late which was carrying some relatives, it was decided at the last moment to have the services this afternoon. Interment took place in the Odd Fellows plot in the local cemetery.

### THE WEATHER

Local Observer, United States

Weather Bureau:

Temperatures 5 a.m. Noon

Current 72 90

Wet bulb 50 57

Relative humidity 22 12

Temperatures, Extremes

1922 1921

Maximum yesterday 95 88

Minimum yesterday 69 64

### SMALL ISLAND WILL BE MADE FOX FARM

KELSO, Wash., July 15.—An island of 2200 acres, lying 35 miles from Wrangell, Alaska, will be turned into a blue fox farm by C. F. Ketch, and his associates. Mr. Ketch, who lives here, has gone to the island with his son to start the work. Breeding operations will begin with 20 pairs of foxes and a large number of these valuable fur-bearing animals are soon expected to be developed.

An 18-year lease on the island has been obtained from the government.

### ADVERTISING OF WESTERN STATES IS NOW CERTAIN

Dozen American and Canadian  
Railroads Send Experts to  
Write Up California

CHICAGO, July 15.—Advertising agents for over a dozen American and Canadian railroads, accompanied by Stephen T. Mather, director of national parks, steamed out of Chicago on the first leg of a trip to northern California to gather impressions. Material for railroad pamphlets intended to lure tourists to the scenic beauties of the Golden State and wondrous north. They will be guests of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and northern California interests who feel their part of the state has been neglected by men who write railroad circulars for the east. On the three week tour they will visit Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, Hetch Hetchy, Mount Tamalpais, Santa Cruz, Del Monte and many other points.

### ARABIC PRESS HAS BECOME SARCASTIC

JERUSALEM, June 13.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—The endeavor of Great Britain to secure confirmation of the Palestine mandate by the league of nations is bringing out pointed comment in the Arabic press. Emboldened by the stand taken by the vatican in its opposition to the mandate on the ground that it does not provide sufficient guarantees to the Christian minorities, the native papers are devoting many columns of strongly worded articles to the subject.

The Belt U. Makdes, a Jerusalem newspaper threatens the government and the Zionist organization with an Arab revolt in Palestine if the British mandate is approved by the league of nations in its present form. El Sahab, another daily, declares: "England asked the league of nations to confirm the mandate at once, thereby believing that the national spirit in us would be crushed, and telling us nothing could be altered since it was a 'fait accompli'. Let England beware, the revolution now going on in Syria will not take long to spread and penetrate also in Palestine."

Nationalist fires already are raging in the breast of every Palestinian, according to well informed observers here, who are of the opinion also that it would take only a little spark to start a general conflagration.

### INDIANS PROSPEROUS WITH SALMON SEASON

HOKIUM, Wash., July 15.—Indians of the Quinalt reservation up the coast from here are prosperous this year, for they have just completed their best salmon season, during which their catch totalled 250,000, which they sold for \$125,000.

The catch was the largest, with one exception, ever made by the Quinalts during a season. The price of 50 cents a fish was the greatest they ever received.

Several of the Indians realized several thousand dollars profit on the salmon run alone. They sold their catch to the three canneries near the reservation.

### TRANSPORTATION ACT IS LIKELY TO BE CHANGED

Interstate Commerce Committee of Senate Plans Changing Act in Many Ways

### FAIR LIVING WAGE IS IDEA

Penalties Will Be Provided for  
Violation of Orders of Rail-  
way Labor Board

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Hearings will be held soon by the senate interstate commerce committee to initiate a revision of the transportation act and deal with problems developed by the present strike. Chairman Cummins stated, The first effort of congress, Cummins said, probably will be to amend the law to guarantee a fair living wage to railroad workers. Later, but probably not during the present strike, he said, efforts will be made to provide penalties for violation of orders of the railway labor board.

### LIMITATION OF PRODUCTION IS MOSCOW SCHEME

Commission of Experts Reports  
This as Better Means of  
Weathering the Storm

MOSCOW, June 14.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—Limitation of production and probably the closing down of several factories have been recommended by a special commission of experts in a report to the council of labor and defense as a means of weathering the industrial crisis, which, after a few months of revival of Russian trade, has again become acute.

Since 1918 the soviet government has many times been obliged to resort to limitation of industry due to shortage of fuel raw materials or food, but the cause of the present stringency is different.

Limited sales, bad trade connections with the provinces, and the insufficiency of working capital at the disposal of the various government trusts and syndicates all have contributed to the present situation. Since the inauguration of the new economic policy the various nationalized industries have been combined in trusts and syndicates and reorganized to work on a commercial basis. All such concerns have been deprived of government supplies and their employees are no longer rationed. Having begun with very small capital at a time when the soviet ruble was continuously depreciating in purchasing power, they had to fall back upon their old stocks and later they began to increase production in order to manufacture sufficient goods to obtain funds for future operations. As a result the markets soon were flooded with goods. Owing to the abnormality of trade conditions and the low purchasing power of the ruble, these goods could neither be sold freely to wholesalers nor direct to consumers.

The commission proposes that practically every industry be curtailed. The program fixes the following percentages of reduction: Coal industry by 15 per cent; mines by 33 per cent; gold and platinum by 12 per cent; salt by 33 per cent; metal by 4 to 7 per cent; cotton textiles by 25 per cent; wool, by 20 per cent; flax by 20 per cent; silk by 10 per cent; leather by 15 per cent; chemical by 5 per cent; glass by 64 per cent; china by 34 per cent.

The commission also reports that production has fallen greatly in comparison with pre-war output, the ratio being from 7 1/2 per cent in the

### NEVADA MISTAKEN IN AGRICULTURAL WORK

CARSON CITY, July 15.—The Nevada agricultural experiment station of the University of Nevada complains in its annual report just published, that it is sometimes mistaken for a divorce bureau for farmers.

"A letter received from a man in Kansas stated," says the report, "that he was having domestic difficulties and that he planned to come to Reno for the typical short sojourn. He asked the director, apparently as a friend to all farmers, to try and find him a job and to give him the name of an attorney whose advice could be relied upon and whose charges would be moderate."

### IRISH FORCES CAUSING BIG FOOD SHORTAGE

Civilian Population is Threat-  
ened as Result of Military  
Forces Drastic Action

### INSURGENT TROOPS ACTIVE

Republicans Declared to be Liv-  
ing on Country in Manner of  
Feudal Times

LONDON, July 15.—A serious food shortage threatens the civilian population in areas occupied by the republican military forces in Ireland, according to statements from free state sources, because of the commandeering of food supplies for use of the insurgent troops. The republicans are declared to be living on the country in a manner of invaders of feudal times, thereby creating a spirit of intense bitterness against themselves.

### KENTUCKY PRIMARIES BECOMING INTERESTING

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 15.—With one exception, all of the present congressmen from Kentucky are candidates for renomination in the primaries August 5. The exception is congressman Charles F. Ogden, republican of Anchorage, in the fifth district, and as a result of his refusal to run, Maurice L. Thatcher, former governor of the Panama Canal Zone, will be the republican nominee, and will be opposed in November by Kendrick R. Lewis, of Louisville, on the democratic side.

In six of the other ten districts in the state the present congressmen have no opposition in the primaries. Summed up, the democrats have four contests, and the republicans have six.

### HAWAIIANS ENDEAVOR SAVE A DYING RACE

HONOLULU, T. H., June 20.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—Hawaii's great human experiment—colonization of lands on the island of Molokai by Hawaiians and part Hawaiians in an endeavor to rehabilitate the dying race—has every chance of success, in the opinion of Dr. Elwood Mead, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of California, and head of the California state land development board, expressed after Doctor Mead had made a survey of the lands available.

Doctor Mead was brought to Hawaii by the Homes commission, which is charged with carrying on the project under the congressional act providing for the experiment. In order that the committee might have the benefit of his advice and experience gained from colonization projects in California.

Industrial Life." In a recent issue, says that the new bankruptcy law, now being drafted, will provide that the government shall not be responsible for the debts of state-managed concerns. This decree, however, has not yet been adopted by the council of commissioners.

### MAILS WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY USE OF TRUCKS

Postmaster General States If  
Railroads Unable to Handle  
Business He Will

### ONE FLEET IN OPERATION

Indiana Towns are Given Mail  
Service as First Showing of  
What Can Be Done

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Inauguration of the use of motor trucks to transport mails, due to the inability of the railroads to move mail matter on account of the shippers' strike, was announced. Postmaster General Work today, who said it had been determined to use motor transportation between Bedford and Switz City, Ind., between which two points all trains have been annulled.

### COAST FERRIES TO BE OPERATED BY ELECTRICITY

First Diesel Electric Ferry in  
World Operated between Gol-  
den Gate and Sausalito

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—An interesting experiment in marine engine operation, the use in ferry boats of Diesel electric drive, is being made on San Francisco bay, where the first Diesel electric ferry in the world has just been put into operation to carry automobiles from San Francisco across the Golden Gate to Sausalito. Diesel engines, driving the propellers direct, or by first converting the energy into electricity, have been used for some years in ocean going freight and passenger ships and in submarines.

A Diesel engine is one in which heavy oil is fed into a cylinder where the temperature of the air has been raised to a high degree by compression. The injected oil immediately starts burning, and the resulting expansion of the gas drives the piston just as exploded gasoline does in an automobile and other engines.

Another Diesel electric ferry is being built on the Hudson river, but the Golden Gate, which is the name of the one on San Francisco bay, is the first to be put in commission. The city of New York also is preparing to build seven ferries of this type.

### JAMES McVEIGH 7-YEAR YOUTH BADLY INJURED

Found Cap Which Was Dis-  
charged, Injuries Result to  
Left Eye and Hand

Little James McVeigh, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James McVeigh, who live near the West End mine, was tragically injured this morning at 11 o'clock, when he suffered the loss of the left eye and the tips of the three first fingers of the left hand. The accident was the result of the boy finding a cap in the back yard of his home, and in lighting it with a match. The discharge followed and the screams of the youth brought his mother and father into the yard. Dr. McLeod was immediately summoned and the boy was removed to the Mine Operators hospital where his injuries were dressed. An operation to the injured eye will probably be necessary, but it will not be performed until tomorrow.

### HAWAIIAN-JAPANESE RAPIDLY INCREASING

HONOLULU, T. H., June 26.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—The number of Americans citizens of Japanese ancestry, who voted in Hawaii this year, increased by 312 since the 1920 elections, according to a statement by Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the territory. The Japanese voters number 570, composed of 882 males and 88 females.

The total registration of the islands is 28,806, as compared with 26,325 in 1920. The number of registered made Hawaiian voters this year was 51 less than the total of that group in 1920.

### SPLINTER IN EYE CAUSE OF KAPP'S DEMISE

American Born German Junker  
Tried to Overthrow German  
Republican Government

STOCKHOLM, June 27.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—A splinter of wood in one eye caused the death of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, the American born German Junker, who tried to overthrow the German republican government about two years ago, and who died recently in Germany. Doctor Kapp, who was residing in Sweden at the time of his injury, neglected it and when at last he consulted a specialist examination of the affected optic showed that a malignant cancer had developed.

The injured eye was removed but the cancer persisted, and when Doctor Kapp returned to Germany he was instantly arrested only to be taken to the hospital where he died.

When Doctor Kapp's intended coup d'etat failed, he secured a false passport fled to Sweden by airplane, and won the government's permission to remain in the country on the ground that he was a political refugee. He was soon joined by his wife and daughter, and the Kapp family settled on a beautiful country estate at Halkids. Here they spent nearly two years, undisturbed by the post-war crisis in world politics.

The Kapps lived simply and unostentatiously in Halkids. Mrs. Kapp did her own housework while Doctor Kapp attended to the out-door duties of the household. Like his former imperial master, Doctor Kapp in his exile took up wood sawing and splitting, and it was while he was engaged in splitting wood for the kitchen range that he met with the injury that led to his death.

During his residence at Halkids, Doctor Kapp proved to be anything but the fire eating Prussian Junker he had been pictured. At one crucial point during the great war he challenged Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg to a duel, and after peace was restored he planned to crush the unstable German socialist regime with typical Prussian ruthlessness. He actually captured Berlin, drove the Ebert government to Dresden, and ruled over the German capital for five days. Kapp was accused of being a reactionary, working for the ultimate restoration of the monarchy, but he always strongly denied this.

The Swedes of the Halkids community who had supposed Doctor Kapp to be a roaring Prussian of the most obnoxious military type, found him a courteous and charming old gentleman. He was kindly, democratic and very social, frequently visiting the neighboring farms and chatting with the farmers and their workmen, among whom he became very popular. His tendency to mingle on terms of equality with all classes probably resulted from his early American training. Doctor Kapp having spent his early youth in New York City where he was born in 1852. The people who best knew Doctor Kapp in Sweden describe him as a model neighbor and a genial gentleman.

### ANY HOUR MAY WITNESS MEN JOINING STRIKE

Workers Reported as Being Up  
in Arms Against Order  
Being Withheld

### HOPE IS YET IN ASCENDANCY

Administration Officials Still  
Believe That Settlement Will  
Be Effected

NEW YORK, July 15.—The prediction that E. F. Grable, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Workers would issue a strike order to 400,000 men of his union "at any hour," was made by William Parker, leader of the New York Central maintenance of way men. The men, he declared, are "up in arms" against Grable's action in holding off the strike "for which they had voted overwhelmingly."

CHICAGO, July 15.—Virtually abandoning hope of an early settlement of the railroad strike, following the failure of last night's conference, the railroad executives prepared today to make a determined effort to reopen the shops with nonunion employees, according to a high official of the railroad labor board. "This official, who declined to be quoted directly, said peace moves would be suspended for the present, as the strikers and strikers were unable to find a common ground for starting negotiations."

The stumbling block in the path of settlement, it was said at the railroad board, would be the union's demand for restoration of seniority and other privileges to the strikers. The roads indicated to Chairman Hooper that men who have struck by the employers, and new employees hired, will be protected in the work order that they have thereby attained.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Despite the apparent lack of progress, efforts of the members of the labor board to effect a settlement of the shippers' strike, administration officials still were hopeful a solution to the problem might be found before any situation arose which might force drastic action by the government.

### WOMAN MURDERER HAD ASSAILANT'S RINGS

TRICSON, July 15.—Three diamond rings were found in possession of the woman arrested here as Mrs. Clara Phillips, charged with the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows.

LOS ANGELES, July 15.—According to the Chief of Police Ford, the local authorities said they had been advised the Los Angeles police told by Mrs. Peggy Caffee the rings were taken from Mrs. Meadows' body by her assailant.

### BUTLER —THEATRE—

—TODAY—

May McAvoy in

"THROUGH A GLASS

WINDOW"

A tender melody of love and doughnuts, or a great firm city and a pretty, struggling girl who finally got her big chance—And

"Snooky's Wild Oats," a two-reel comedy.

Tomorrow, Bert Lytell in "Sherlock Brown," and "Miracles of the Jungle."

Monday—Vera Gordon.